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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A rack assembly for holding pool sticks and comprising:  
a clamp including first and second members pivotally connected to each other, said first and second members including first and second jaw portions integral therewith and selectively engageable with each other for removably attaching to a support surface, said first and second jaw portions each have a threaded hole formed therein and aligned with each other respectively, said clamp further having first and second handle portions integral with said first and second jaw portions respectively and extending rearwardly therefrom; and

a rack connected to said clamp and extending outwardly therefrom adjacent said first and second handle portions, said rack including a central portion and a plurality of rings integral therewith and formed about said central portion, said plurality of rings for receiving a plurality of pool sticks therethrough respectively and for maintaining same at substantially vertical positions[.]; and

a fastening member for securing said rack to said clamp, said fastening member being removably insertable into the holes of said first and second jaw portions with said rack being positionable between said fastening member and said clamp.

2. (Original) The rack assembly of claim 1, wherein said central portion is engaged with said clamp generally medially between said first and second jaw portions and said first and second handle portions respectively.

3. (Original) The rack assembly of claim 1, wherein said first and second jaw portions are formed from rubber material.

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4. (Original) The rack assembly of claim 1, wherein said rack further comprises:  
a body formed from a stiff material; and  
an outer cover disposed about said body and being formed from plastic.

5. (Original) The rack assembly of claim 1, wherein said clamp has a longitudinal axis and further comprises a spring member connected to said first and second members, said spring member being disposed substantially perpendicular to the axis, said spring member providing resistive force for causing said first member to automatically move to an original position after being pivoted towards said second member.

6.(Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) A rack assembly for holding pool sticks and comprising:  
a clamp including first and second members pivotally connected to each other, said first and second members including first and second jaw portions integral therewith and selectively engageable with each other for removably attaching to a support surface, said first and second jaw portions each have a threaded hole formed therein and aligned with each other respectively, said clamp further having first and second handle portions integral with said first and second jaw portions respectively and extending rearwardly therefrom; and

a rack connected to said clamp and extending outwardly therefrom adjacent said first and second handle portions, said rack including a central portion and a plurality of rings integral therewith and formed about said central portion, said plurality of rings for receiving a plurality of pool sticks therethrough respectively and for maintaining same at substantially vertical positions, said central portion being engaged with said clamp generally medially between said first and second jaw portions and said first and second handle portions respectively[.]; and

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a fastening member for securing said rack to said clamp, said fastening member being removably insertable into the holes of said first and second jaw portions with said rack being positionable between said fastening member and said clamp.

9. (Original) The rack assembly of claim 8, wherein said first and second jaw portions are formed from rubber material.

10. (Original) The rack assembly of claim 8, wherein said rack further comprises:  
a body formed from a stiff material; and  
an outer cover disposed about said body and being formed from plastic.

11. (Original) The rack assembly of claim 8, wherein said clamp has a longitudinal axis and further comprises a spring member connected to said first and second members, said spring member being disposed substantially perpendicular to the axis, said spring member providing resistive force for causing said first member to automatically move to an original position after being pivoted towards said second member.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) A rack assembly for holding pool sticks and comprising:

a clamp including first and second members pivotally connected to each other, said first and second members including first and second jaw portions integral therewith and selectively engageable with each other for removably attaching to a support surface, said first and second jaw portions each have a threaded hole formed therein and aligned with each other respectively, said clamp further having first and second

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handle portions integral with said first and second jaw portions respectively and extending rearwardly therefrom; and

a rack connected to said clamp and extending outwardly therefrom adjacent said first and second handle portions, said rack including a central portion and a plurality of rings integral therewith and formed about said central portion, said plurality of rings for receiving a plurality of pool sticks therethrough respectively and for maintaining same at substantially vertical positions, said central portion being engaged with said clamp generally medially between said first and second jaw portions and said first and second handle portions respectively, said rack further comprising

a body formed from a stiff material, and

an outer cover disposed about said body and being formed from plastic[.];

and

a fastening member for securing said rack to said clamp, said fastening member being removably insertable into the holes of said first and second jaw portions with said rack being positionable between said fastening member and said clamp.

15. (Original) The rack assembly of claim 14, wherein said first and second jaw portions are formed from rubber material.

16. (Original) The rack assembly of claim 14, wherein said clamp has a longitudinal axis and further comprises a spring member connected to said first and second members, said spring member being disposed substantially perpendicular to the axis, said spring member providing resistive force for causing said first member to automatically move to an original position after being pivoted towards said second member.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)